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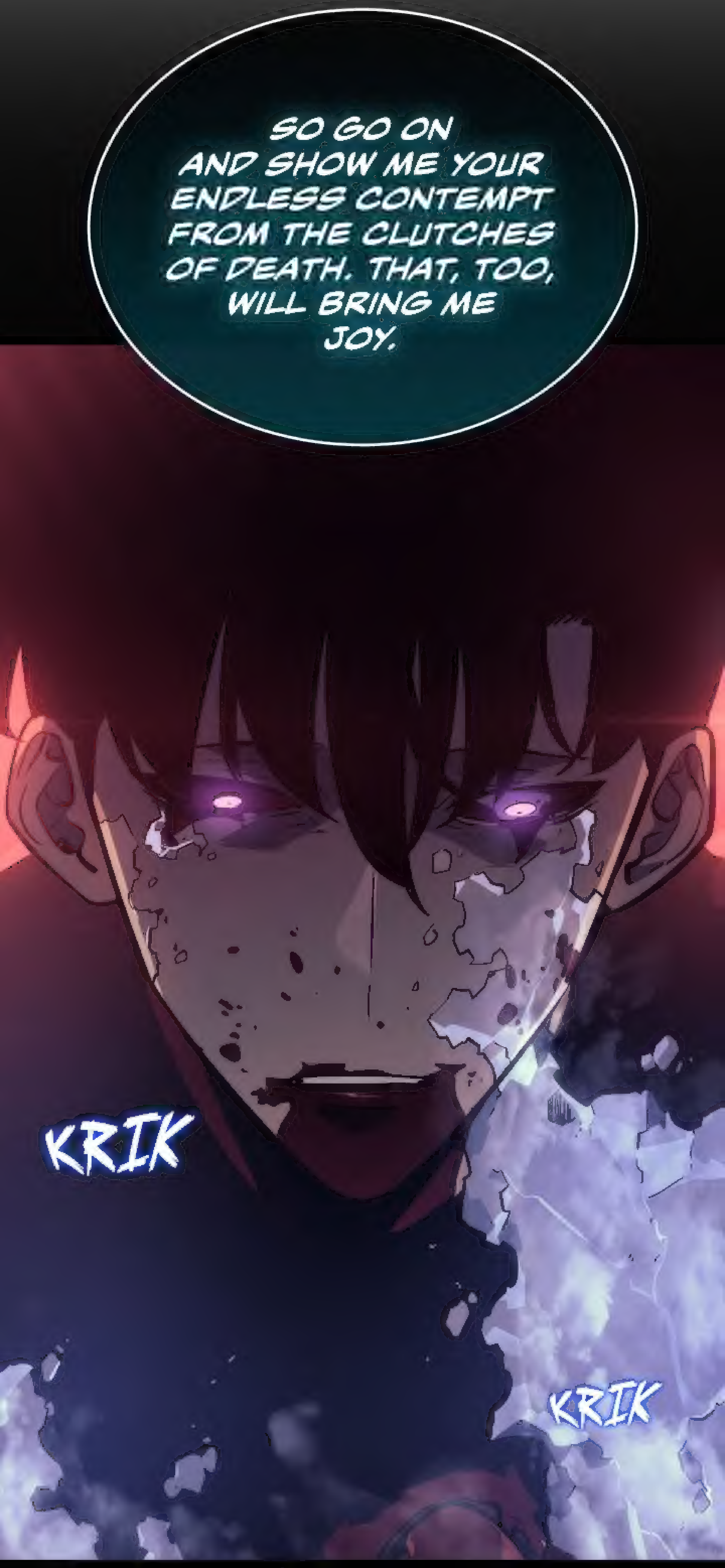

I LEVELED UP.
THIS SHOULD BE A BREEZE...!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE


HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU BACK YOUR WEAPON.
SHINK


NOW LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN HEAL LIKE YOU DID EARLIER.
I DOUBT IT. BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, YOU ARE AN INCOMPLETE MONARCH.
KRIK
KRIK
IS THIS YOUR LIMIT, HUMAN?
THEN I SUPPOSE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WITNESS...
...THE DAY OUR ARMY SETS FOOT IN THIS WORLD.


WHEN THAT DAY COMES, WE WILL ERECT MOUNTAINS WITH YOUR CORPSES,
AND FORGE RIVERS FROM YOUR BLOOD.
BUT I HAVE A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN AND RAISED IN.
I WILL FREEZE EVERY SINGLE HUMAN IN THIS COUNTRY AND MAKE THEM SUFFER FOR ALL OF ETERNITY.
THEY WILL LIVE FOREVER AS BEINGS THAT ARE NEITHER DEAD OR ALIVE.

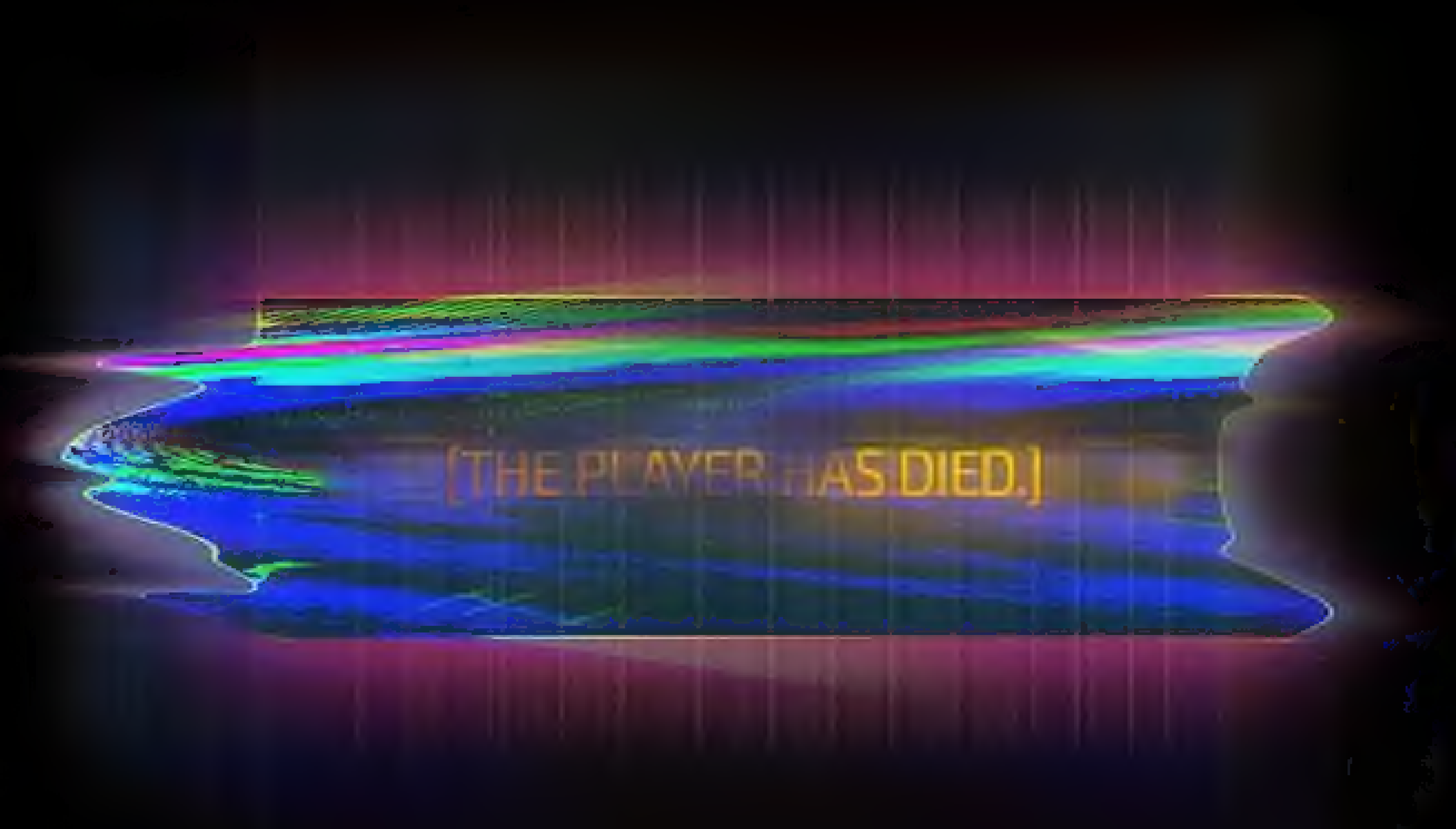



SO GO ON AND SHOW ME YOUR ENDLESS CONTEMPT FROM THE CLUTCHES OF DEATH. THAT, TOO, WILL BRING ME JOY.
KRIK
KRIK

JUST...
...A LITTLE...
...MORE!


[THE PLAYER'S HP HAS REACHED 0.]


[THE PLAYER HAS DIED.]


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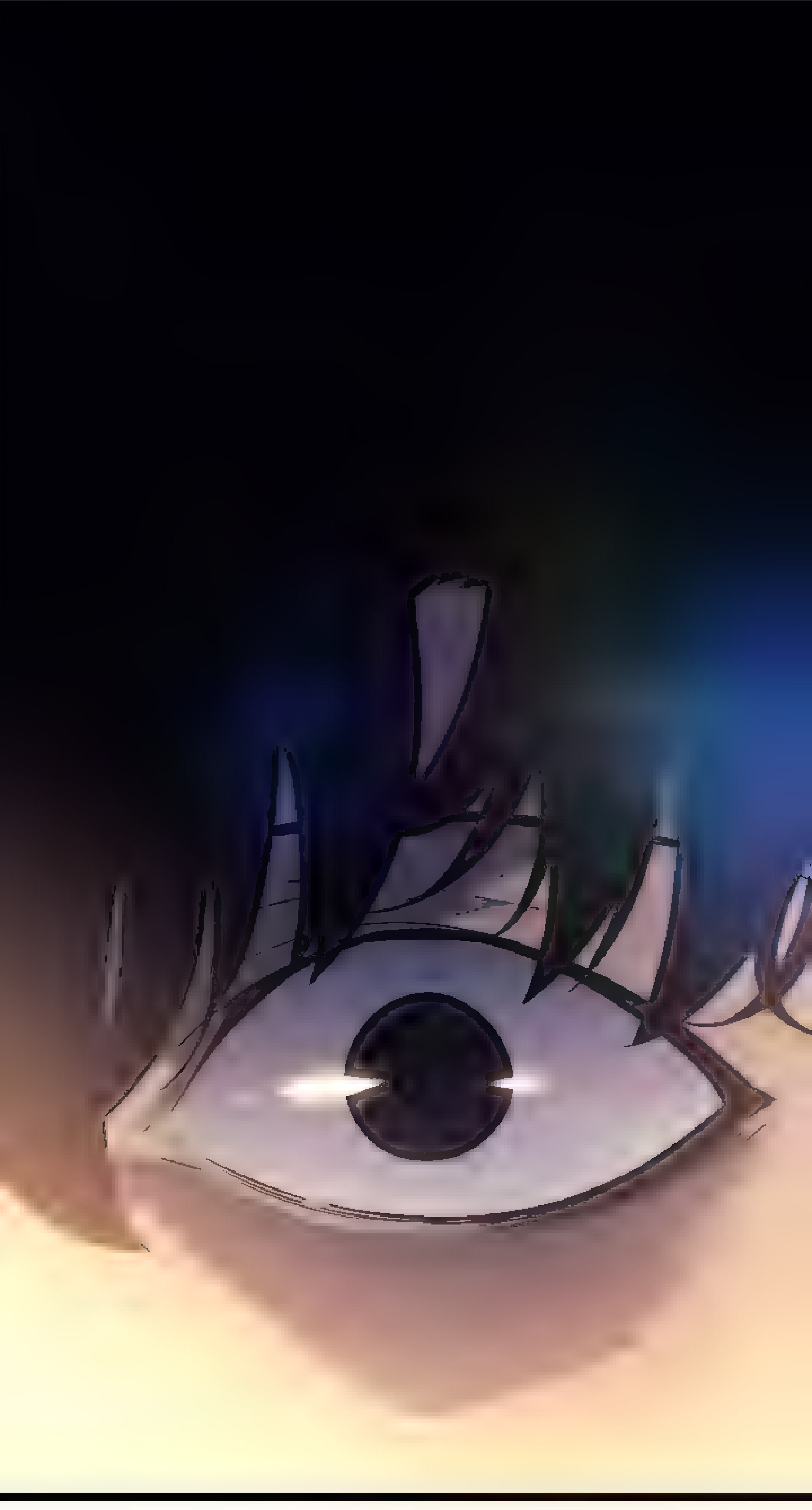

[THE PLAYER POSSESSES THE BLACK HEART.]
[THE PLAYER HAS MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED FOR PASSIVE SKILL, (UNKNOWN).]
— X
SKILLS
[PASSIVE]
(UNKNOWN) MAX
TENACITY LV.1
MASTER OF DAGGERS MAX
[ACTIVE]
QUICKSILVER MAX
BLOODLUST LV.2
CAMOUFLAGE MAX


[PASSIVE SKILL (UNKNOWN) HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]
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[ACTIVE]
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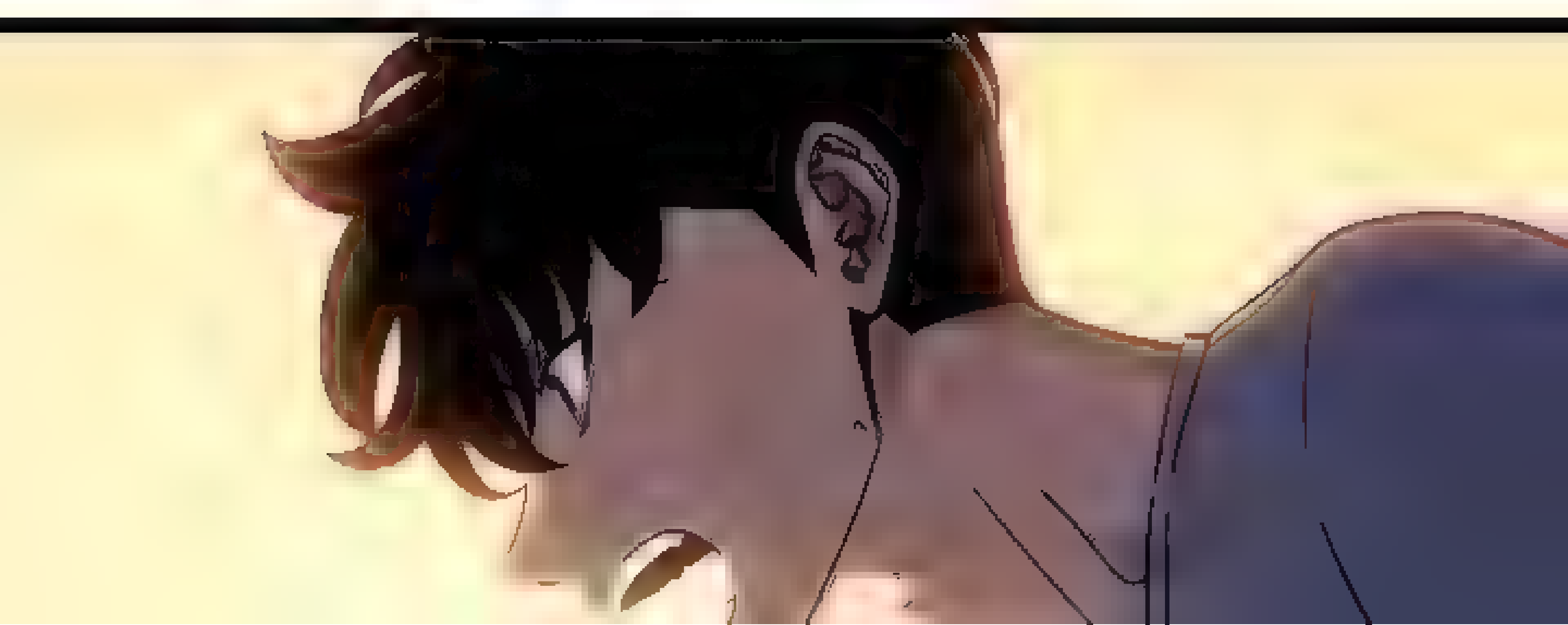

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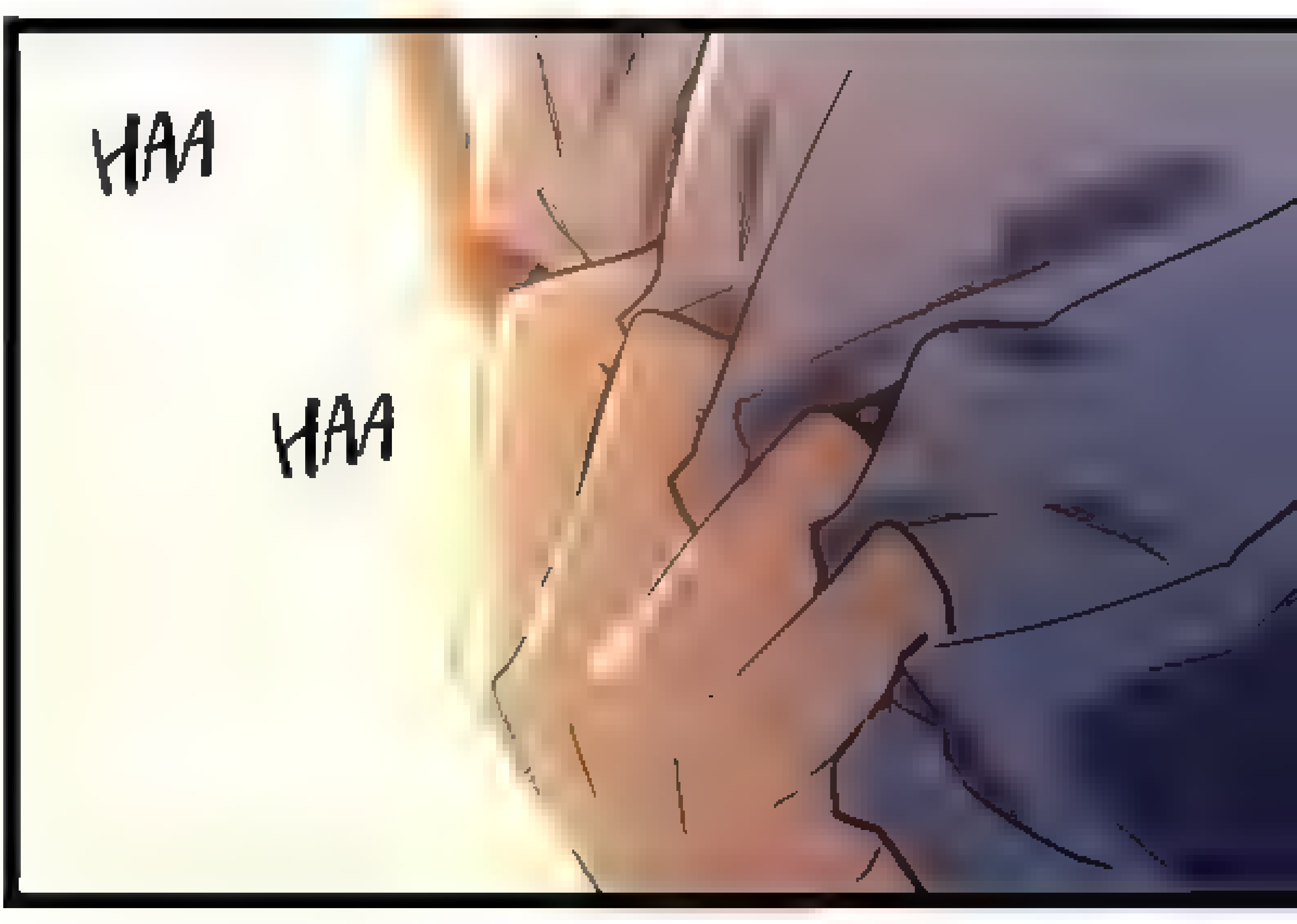




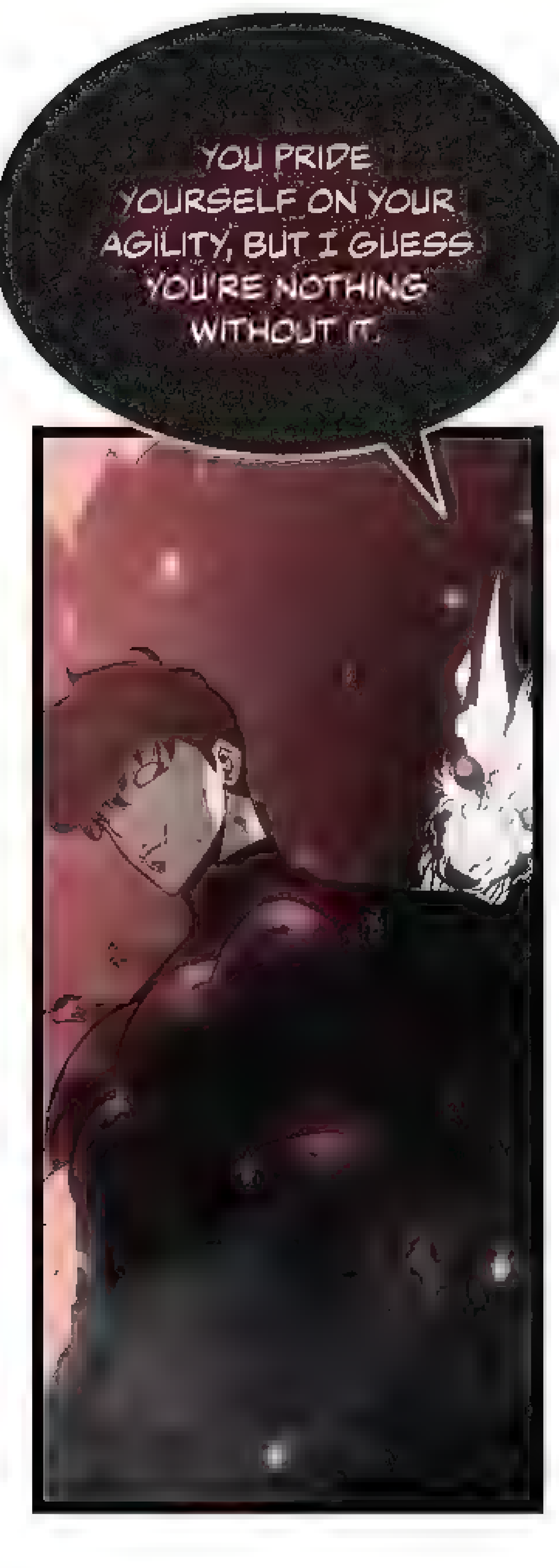

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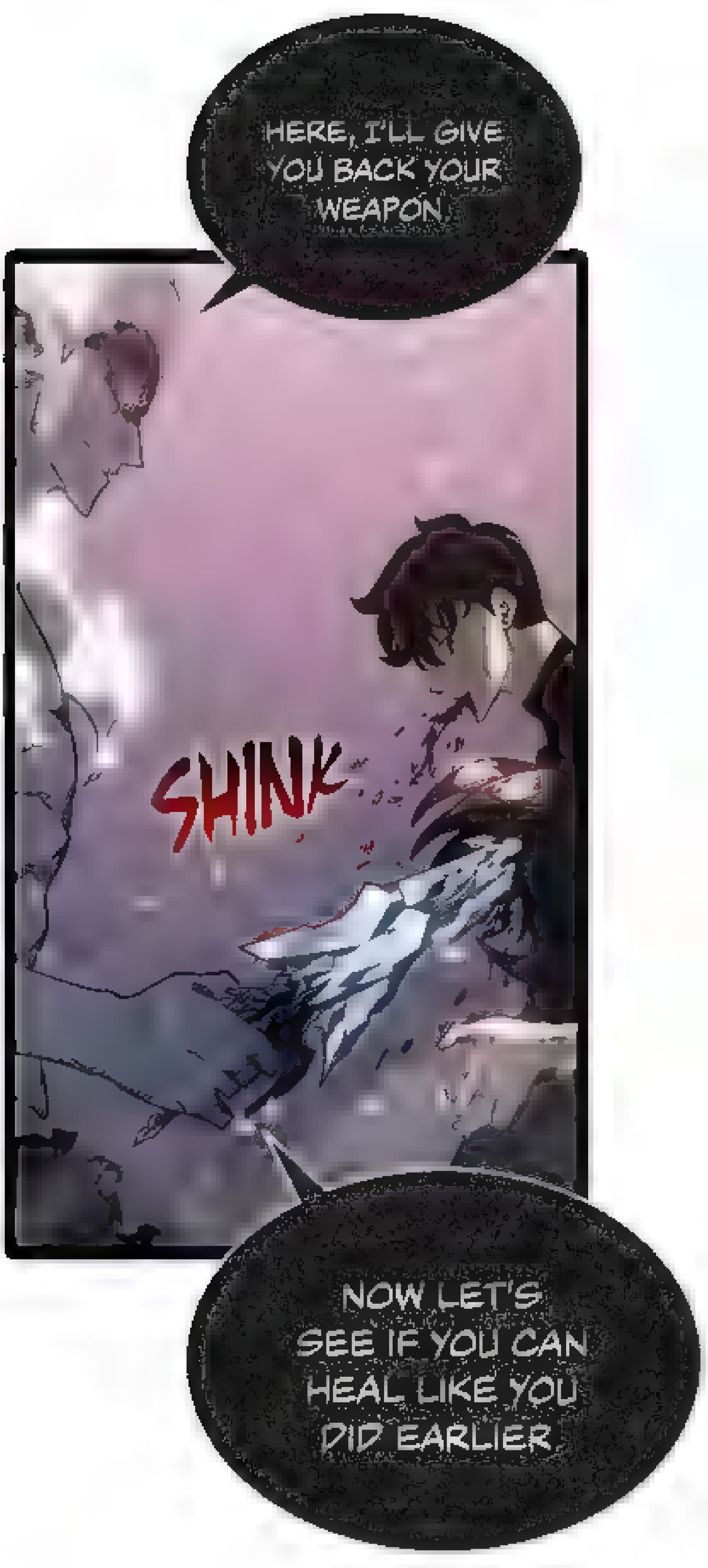



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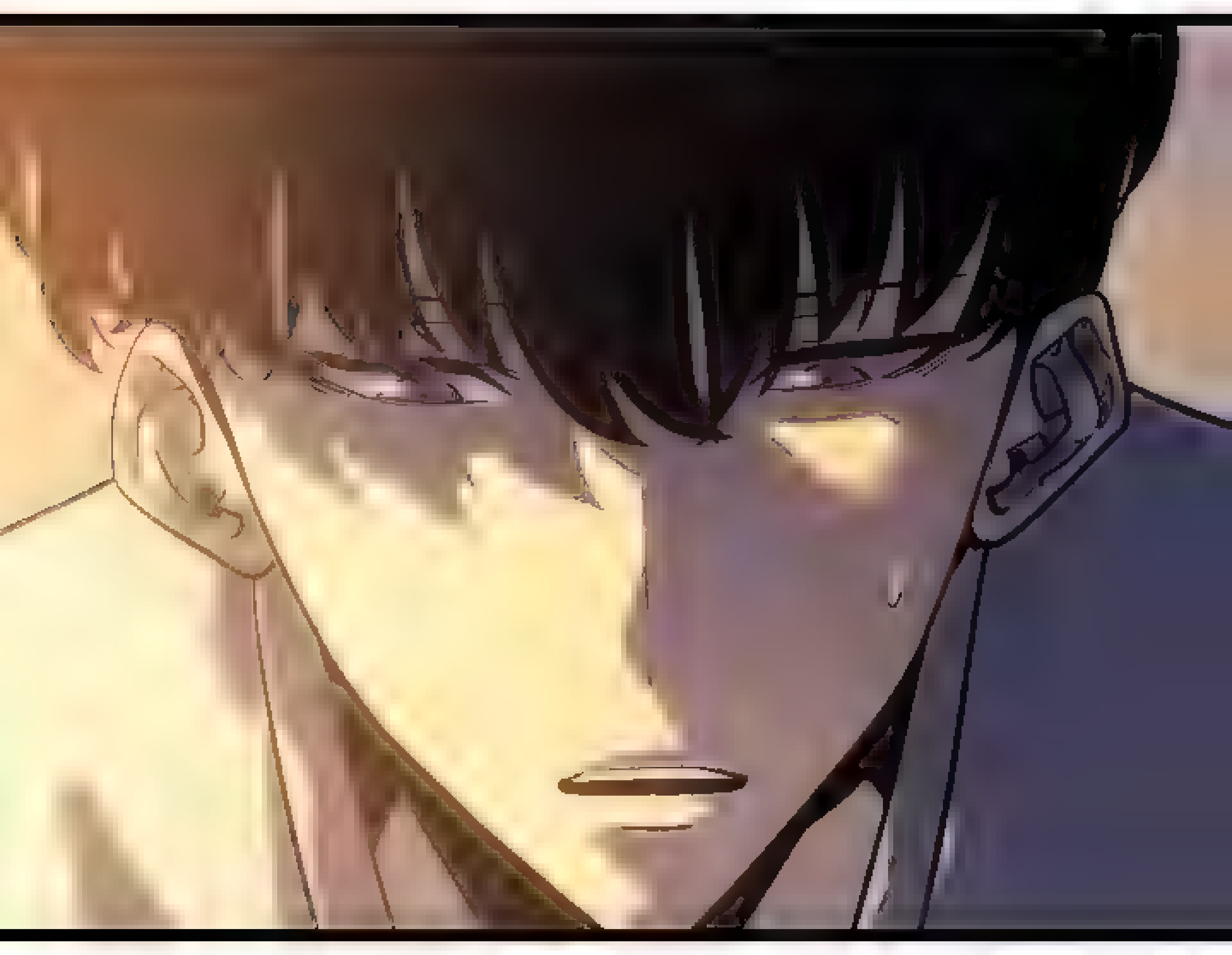

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YOU PRIDE YOURSELF ON YOUR AGILITY, BUT I GUESS YOU'RE NOTHING WITHOUT IT.



A DREAM...?



WAS IT ALL A DREAM?




AM I IN THE HOSPITAL?
I WAS STABBED IN THE HEART BY THAT ICE DAGGER.
AND YET... I'M STILL ALIVE?


HAVE YOU
COME TO YOUR
SENSES?


CHAIRMAN
WOO...?


CHAIRMAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE MONAR... I MEAN, THOSE MONSTERS?
AND HOW AM I STILL ALIVE?

...


THERE ARE THREE THINGS I SHOULD TELL YOU FIRST.


ONE, I AM THE MANAGER OF THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM, NOT THE CHAIRMAN.
TWO, I ACTUALLY WANTED TO ASK *YOU* ABOUT THOSE MOVING STATUES, MR. SUNG.
AND THREE,
HOW DO


YOU KNOW WHO
I AM?
HAVE WE MET
BEFORE?
WHAT...?


WAIT, DID YOU SAY MOVING STATUES?
AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT FROM THE SURVIVORS, WE SENT THE WHITE TIGER GUILD AND OUR SURVEILLANCE AGENTS. BUT BY THE TIME THEY GOT THERE...
NO, NOT THAT...
NO WAY... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
NO WONDER THIS HOSPITAL LOOKED FAMILIAR.
I STAYED


HERE FOR TWO WEEKS.
BUT MR. SUNG, YOU LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR PHOTO.
THE VIP SUITE PROVIDED BY THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION.
THIS IS THE ROOM I WOKE UP IN AFTER BARELY SURVIVING THE DOUBLE DUNGEON...
...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I NEED SOME TIME ALONE TO COLLECT MY THOUGHTS.


HOW DID THIS HAPPEN...?
STATUS
NAME: SUNG JINWOO LV.146
JOB: MONARCH OF SHADOWS
TITLE: DEMON HUNTER (+2 MORE)
HP: 93,300 MP: 155,720
FATIGUE: 0
STRENGTH: 324 HEALTH: 320
AGILITY: 340 INTELLIGENCE: 340
SENSE: 321 AP: 0
PHYSICAL DAMAGE REDUCTION: 65%
MAGIC DAMAGE REDUCTION: 44%
PASSIVE SKILLS
TENACITY LV.1
MASTER OF DAGGERS LV.MAX
ACTIVE SKILLS
QUICKSILVER LV.MAX
BLOODLUST LV.2
MUTILATE LV.MAX
DAGGER RUSH LV.MAX
CAMOUFLAGE LV.MAX
THE COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY LV.MAX
JOB SPECIFIC SKILLS
SHADOW EXTRACTION LV.2
SHADOW PRESERVATION LV.2
MONARCH'S DOMAIN LV.2
SHADOW EXCHANGE LV.2


MY LOOKS HAVEN'T CHANGED... AND I HAVE ALL MY STATS SINCE MY REAWAKENING, TOO. I'VE RETAINED EVERYTHING.
ALL OF THE ITEMS I COLLECTED ARE STILL IN MY INVENTORY, TOO.
EVEN "KAMISH'S WRATH."


JINWOO, YOU JUST WOKE UP. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
RATTLE


DON'T TELL ME YOU HURT YOUR HEAD, TOO.


...HUH? DID I COME TO THE WRONG ROOM? WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
OH... THE CHANGE I UNDERWENT WAS GRADUAL, SO I GUESS SHE'S HAVING TROUBLE RECOGNIZING ME NOW.
YOU CAN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN BROTHER?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE MY BROTHER? I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S CHANGED ABOUT YOU...
ESPECIALLY YOUR HEIGHT...
YOU'RE JUST IMAGINING IT.


ANYWAY, I'M KIND OF BUSY. I HAVE TO HEAD TO THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION.
WHY?
TO QUIT BEING A HUNTER.

REALLY?
I KNOW YOU LEFT IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS, SO GO BACK TO SCHOOL.
WHAT?

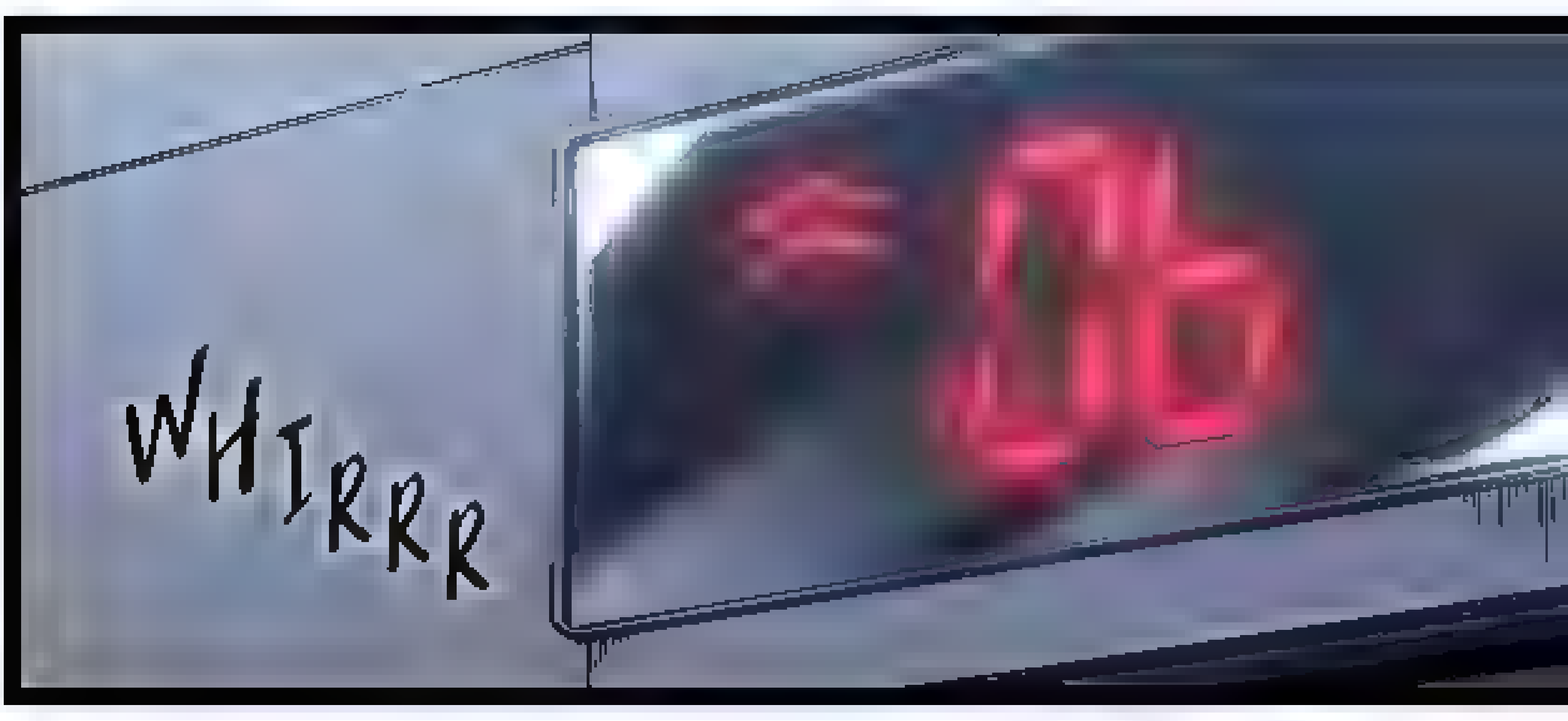

YOU TOO,
HAN SONG-YI.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT BECOMING A HUNTER JUST SO YOU CAN DROP OUT OF SCHOOL.
HUH?
HOW DOES HE KNOW MY NAME...?

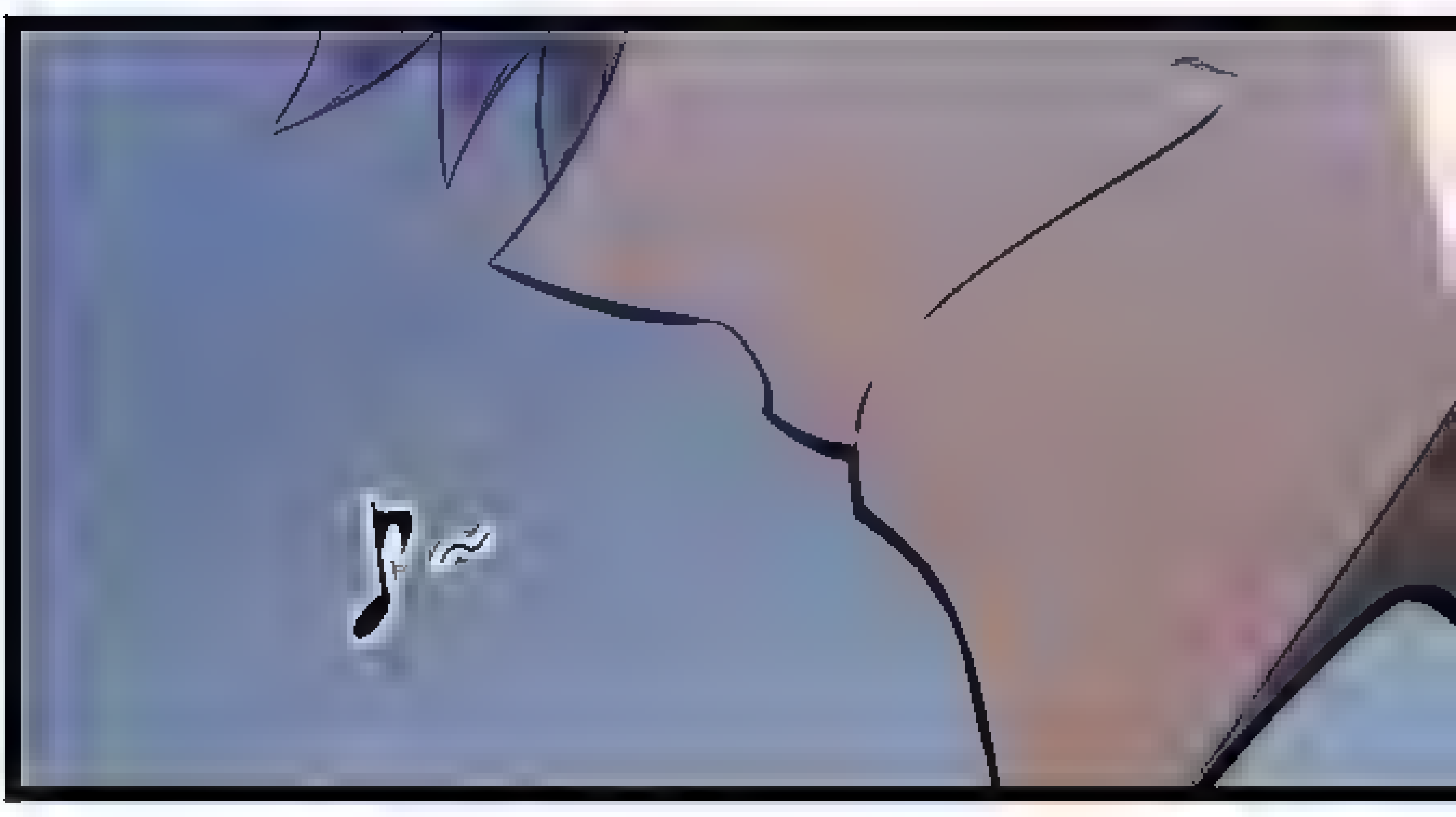

ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE ANY SHADOW SOLDIERS LEFT...
PULL
...I CAN ALWAYS REBUILD MY ARMY.
BUT... WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?
I'VE TRAVELED BACK TO THE PAST.




I THINK IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE CHA HAE-IN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HOMELESS LOOKING DUDE IS ACTUALLY AN S-RANK.
TH, THIS DEVICE CAN'T MEASURE YOUR MANA, SO...
I KNOW.
I WANT TO MEET WITH THE CHAIRMAN BEFORE MY REASSESSMENT. WOULD THAT BE ALL RIGHT?


TH, THE CHAIRMAN?
THEN I WILL ESCORT YOU TO HIS OFFI-
I CAN GO BY MYSELF. I KNOW WHERE HIS OFFICE IS.
HOW DOES HE KNOW WHERE THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE IS? HE DOESN'T WORK HERE...


WHIRRR




HMM... WHAT KIND OF STORY SHOULD I MAKE UP TODAY?

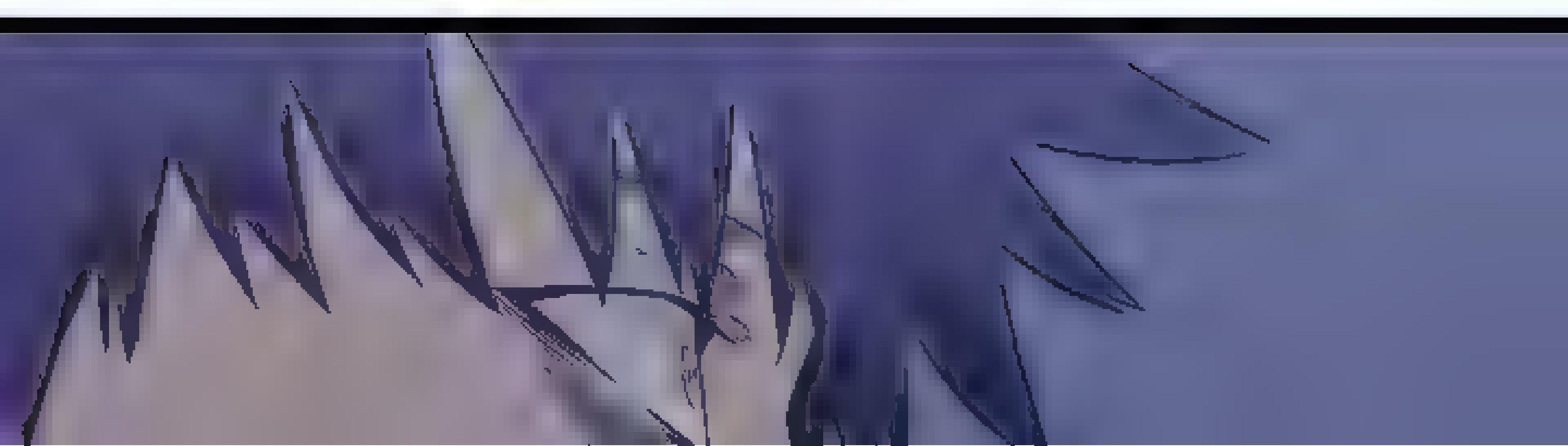

I FEEL LIKE I'VE GIVEN THE ASSOCIATION TOO MANY EXCUSES ALREADY.
I'LL BE SCREWED IF I GET ON WOO JINCHUL'S BAD SIDE.


YOU HAVEN'T REPORTED YOUR CAMOUFLAGE SKILL TO THE ASSOCIATION YET.
!!


HOW DID YOU...?!
YOU WEREN'T ON THE WATCH LIST EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE UP THERE IN RANK.
SOMEONE WILL ASK YOU TO AVENGE THEIR DAUGHTER FOR THEM.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO WITH CRIMINALS...
...BUT IF YOU HURT INNOCENT HUNTERS IN THE PROCESS,
I'LL KILL YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS.




THIS IS MY FIRST AND FINAL WARNING.



HEY... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
...
WHAT'S HIS DEAL? HE'S LIKE A GHOST...


IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN...
NICE TO MEET YOU...
...AGES SINCE WE LAST MET.
...CHAIRMAN.
SEEING AS HOW YOU CAME TO SEE ME AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVED THE TEST RESULTS, YOU MUST ALREADY BE AWARE OF THE PROCEDURE.

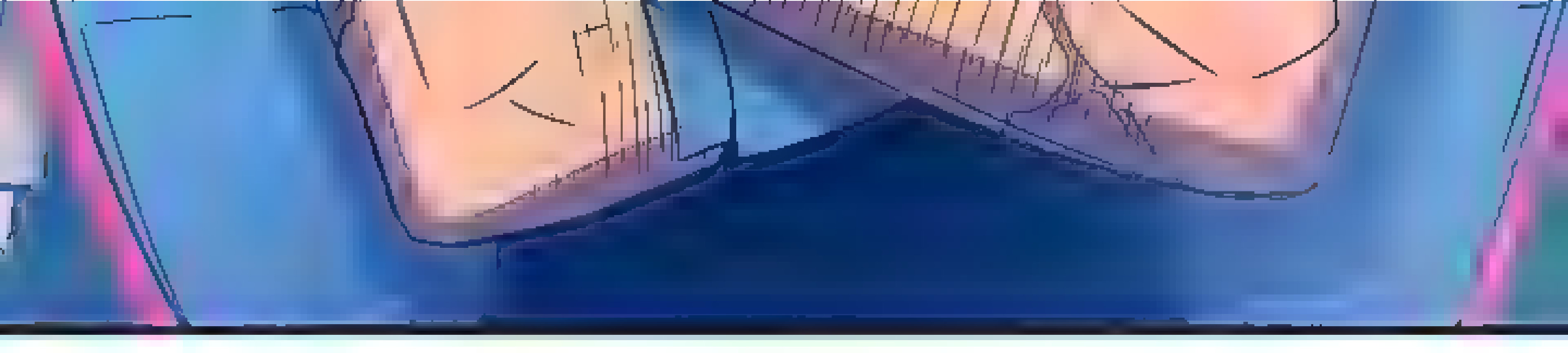

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
NOTICE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESTART THE WORLD?
ACCEPT
DECLINE
THEN I WILL CUT RIGHT TO THE CHASE.
BEFORE THAT, I'D LIKE TO MAKE YOU AN OFFER.
AN OFFER?


I NEED TO GO TO JEJU ISLAND AND GATHER TROOPS.
PLEASE CHANGE THE REGULATIONS SO THAT CREATURES SUMMONED BY A HUNTER CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE IN RAIDS AS OFFICIAL MEMBERS.
DO THAT, AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THE ANTS ON JEJU ISLAND.
NOTICE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESTART THE WORLD?
ACCEPT
DECLINE
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS...!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY RAIDS HAVE FAILED ON JEJU ISLAND?!


?!
THIS ENERGY IS...?!
IT'S SOMETHING ONLY I CAN DO. SO PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME.
I CAN EXTERMINATE THE ANTS ON JEJU ISLAND.


A POWER THAT FAR EXCEEDS THAT OF A NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER...!
HOW... HOW IS THIS...
...POSSIBLE?





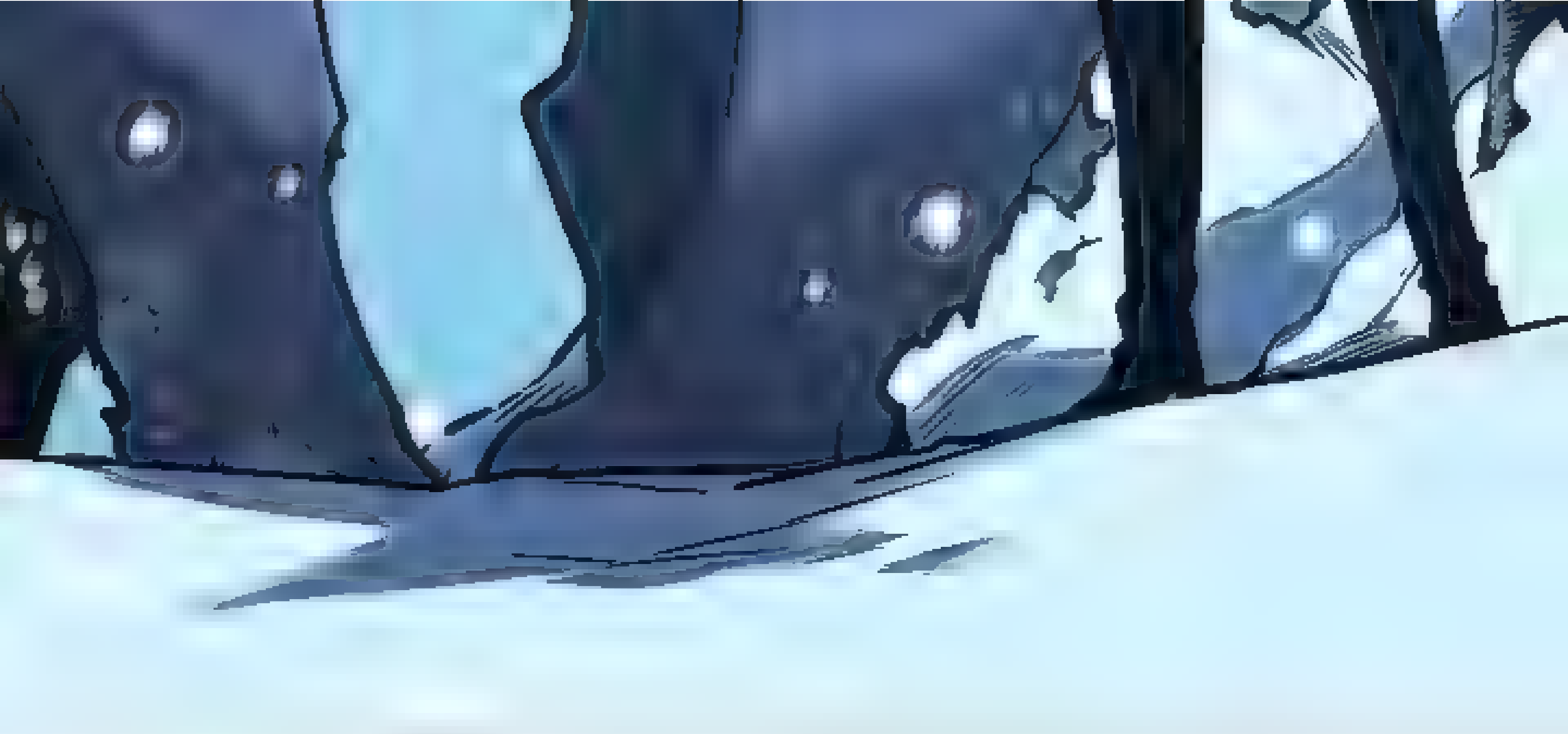

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ACCEPT
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I'M GOING TO RETIRE.


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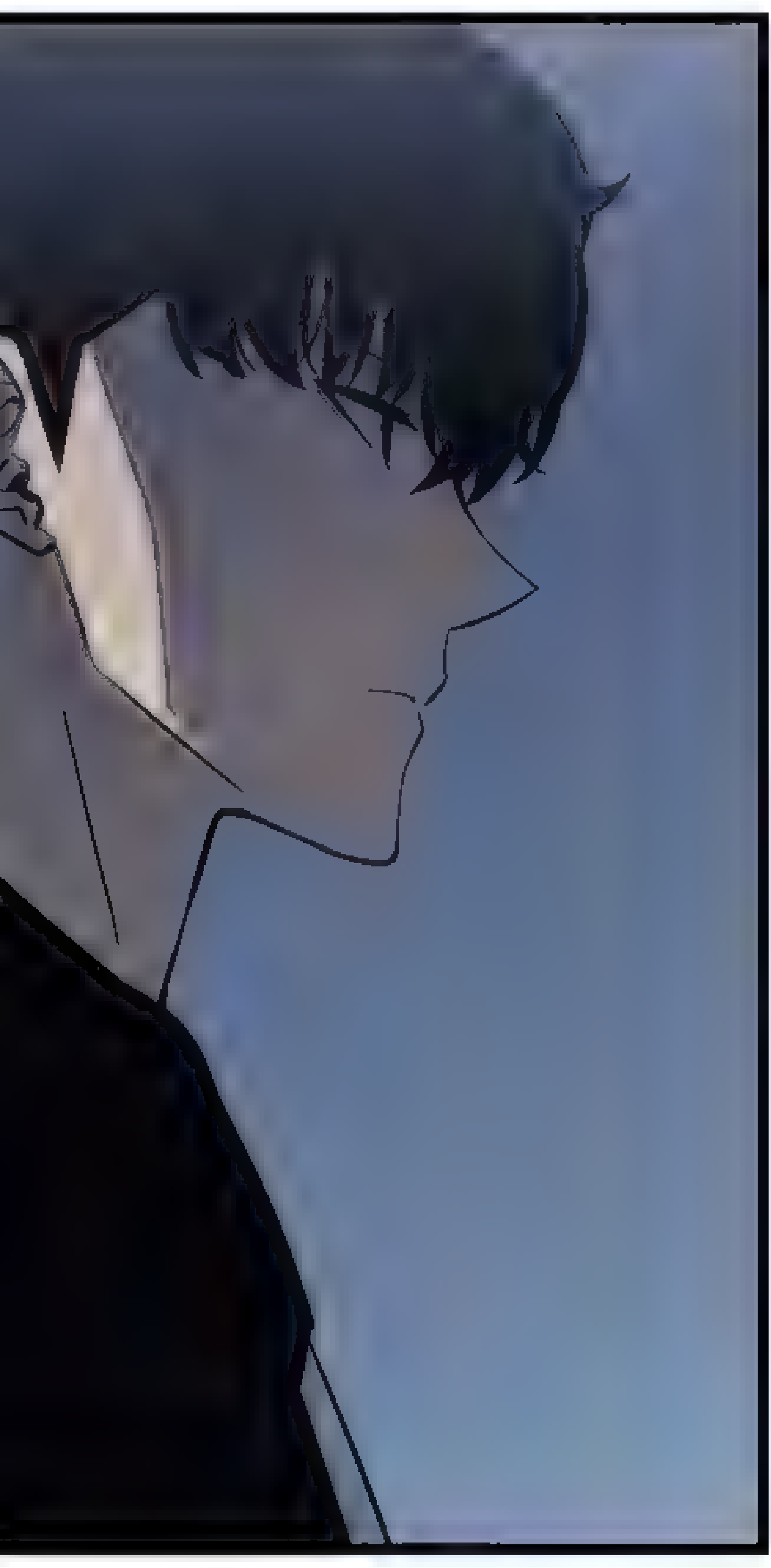

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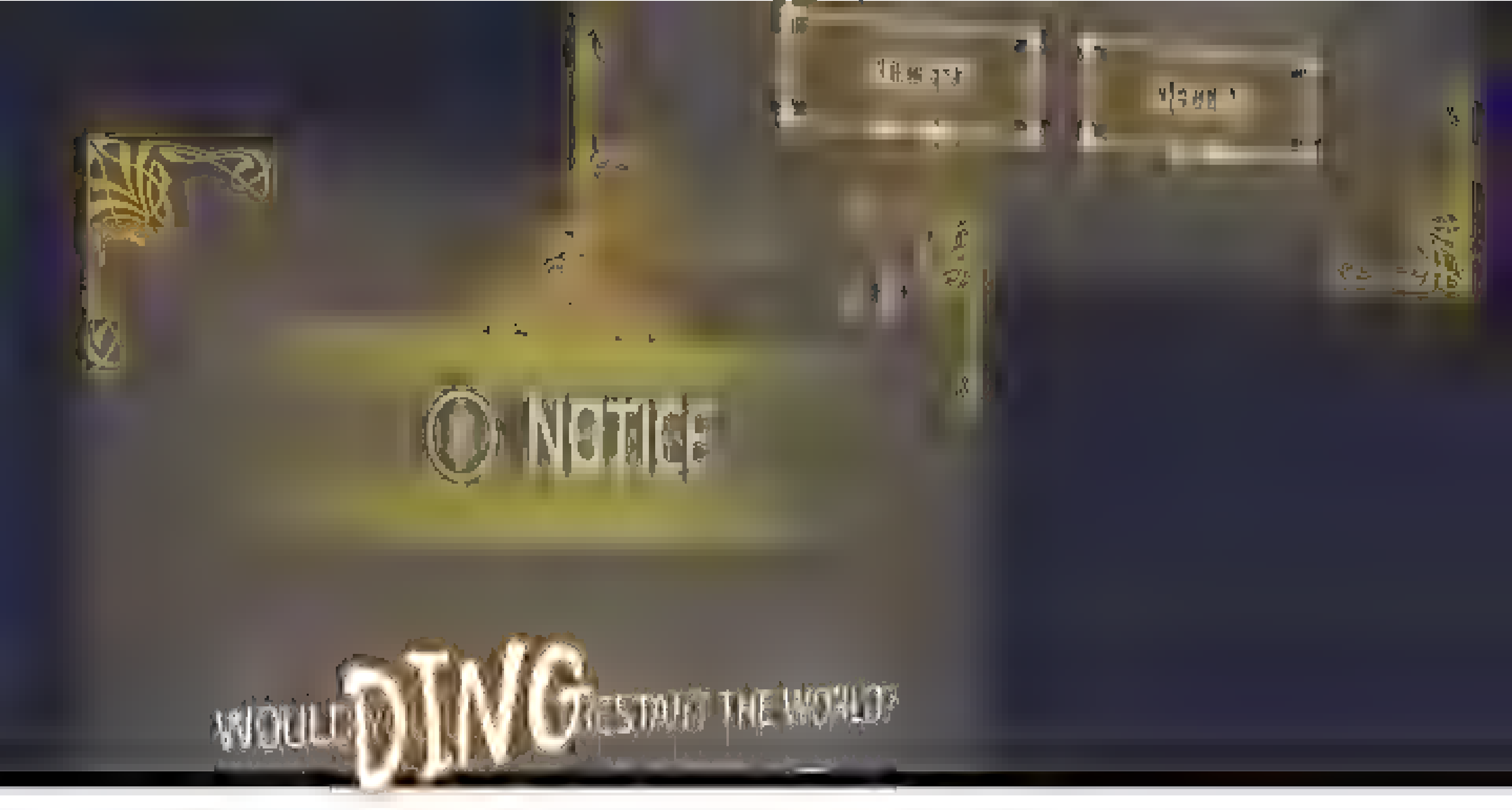


...CUT IT OUT, WILL YOU?
I KNOW THIS IS ALL JUST AN ILLUSION!
SO KNOCK IT OFF AND SHOW YOURSELF!
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GONNA WATCH ME FROM UP THERE?!






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NOTICE
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WHO ARE YOU?


ARE YOU...


...THE KING OF THE DEAD?



To Be Continued...

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